

HADLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the virtual Zoom meeting of Planning & Environment Committee duly convened and held on
Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs M Harvey (Chairperson), E Bright, N Collins, D Carey, J Massy, R Morley, J Newman

Also in attendance: M Stepkowski (Parish Clerk – Minute Taker),

3527 To receive apologies, reasons, and approval of absences

Cllr Richardson.

3528 To receive declarations of interests

Cllr Harvey declared an interest in application TM/20/02288/TPOC as friendship with neighbours.

3529 To receive an update on progress of resolutions from the last meeting 29/09/2020 not on the current agenda.

Minute 3526 Council Facilities & Buildings

Medical Centre Roof leak – Higham Roofing had now completed all roof works and despite heavy rain no further leaks had been identified.

Hy-Arts Toilet – a plumber still required to make repairs to base of toilet. Cllr Morley to assist.

Dog Walking Fence – Warden had added treated boarding to several fence sections that were not lining up with the ground to keep the dog walking area secure.

Access Trail – fallen tree cut and removed by Warden along the wooded section and the tarmac path cleared on encroaching vegetation.

3530 New applications, amended applications and plans for comment (List ‘B’s)

- **TM/20/02288/TPOC** – Remove dying Sycamore T1, remove Oak T2, remove Yew T3, Conifer and Portuguese Laurel G4 to become lawn, and lift Yew T5. Spring Hill, 26 Hadlow Park, Hadlow, TN11 0HY.

HPC objects to this planning application on the following grounds:

1. We believe that trees subject to TPO’s should be retained and properly managed wherever possible.
2. We do not believe that adequate grounds have been given or demonstrated for the removal of the trees identified on the plan T2, T3 and G4.
3. We do not object to the removal of the sycamore tree T1, but would prefer to see it replaced with a similar specimen.
4. We do not object to the proposed lifting of the yew tree T5.

3531 Planning applications: results (List D's), out of area/comment & planning enforcements

Noted.

Members noted that there was a large planning application to build a tower block on the River Centre land in Tonbridge.

3532 TMBC & KCC matters:

S106 monies

Cllr Harvey had attended the Parish Partnership Panel meeting (PPP) and provided members with a summary report. He confirmed the Borough Planners S106 draft Protocol was passed by the Planning & Transportation Advisory Board on 11/11/2020 and would now go to full Council for consideration. Parishes however would have the opportunity to comment and suggest amendments. It had been suggested that Parishes completed an Infrastructure Plan which would be taken into account when drafting S106 agreements with developers; however it would also be reasonable to put forward specific projects that were particularly appropriate for specific applications and or/or any additional projects/information that might be relevant.

After considering Cllr Harveys report on the meeting and previous communications with TMBC on recent local large planning applications and possible S106 monies being made available for Parish Council projects, it was agreed to seek further clarification from TMBC.

KCC Parish Seminars Autumn 2020 Virtual Meeting

Cllr Harvey had attended the meeting online and his report was made available to full Council and available at the Parish Office.

3533 Non-planning issues:

a) Access Trail

- Update on meeting with Hadlow College representative to consider maintenance works to the Permissive Path known locally as the “cow field”

Clerk had met with Mr Hutley from Strutt & Parker who were currently contracted by Hadlow College to advise on possible future plans for the college farm and estates. Mr Hutley would organise a specification of works and costs to remove the soil encroaching on the path at the cow field now indicated as MT132 as the first stage of any possible improvements to the existing state of the path. His mention of fencing alongside the path and possible corralling of the cows was cause for concern and members would monitor the situation.

At the end of the meeting Mr Hutley said he hoped to keep Council and the Parish informed of any possible future plans.

To action: Clerk asked to notify Mr Hutley that the path is not a Permissive Path as was first understood but a Public Right of Way. The Clerk was also asked to notify Mr Hutley that the Parish Council was very concerned about any proposal to erect fencing alongside the footpath and the adverse impact that corralling of cows would have on that footpath.

The path behind the Hadlow Castle Ha-ha which is on college land was discussed and consideration to be given to renewing the Permissive Path. The trees recently

cut in that area which had caused a natural barrier between the college ground and castle residents was to be removed after a fire and as seen as a safety risk

- Update on Public Rights of Way (PROW) visit to view and assess the positioning of new fence installation at Castle Garden Cottage. Public Rights of Way had visited the site and the fence was an encroachment and therefore actionable by Public Rights of Way. There had been no concerns raised by Hadlow College with regards to the continuance of the fence along the border of their property. However, it was also noted that planning permission may well have been required for such a high fence, but this was a planning matter and not one for PROW to action.

b) Hadlow Voluntary Assistance

Cllrs L Bright and Newman were actioning requests for assistance, but these had been minimal to date. A plan to distribute Christmas cards and small festive edible treat to those who had signed up for assistance as of March was well under way.

c) Report of maintenance and other works associated with Parish Council buildings and land.

Signpost Field & Williams Field Play Surfaces – Abacus had now completed the edging and re-surfacing works noted in the recent ROSPA reports.

Williams Field Dog Walking Area – excrement had once again been spread onto the bench and this had been removed but people ask to keep vigilant as this was not a one-off incident.

Steers Place – Fly tipping had yet again been reported and a request to TMBC for additional monitoring in this area requested.

Before closing the Meeting, it was noted that:

National Tree Week starts Saturday 28 November and there were lots of events advertised online.

Social Media – Nextdoor is the neighbourhood hub for connections and the exchange of helpful information, goods, and services. It was suggested this was another means to advertise events within the Parish.

St Mary's Church "Advent Windows" event stated on 1 December with one window a day between the 1 to 24th December being displayed with lighting between 4pm and 8pm. Information on how to get a walking map of those buildings taking part was on social media and noticeboards. It was hoped this would be in line with another project in which residents are asked to light up a window.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.23

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 7.30pm location tba depending on COVID-19 Government guidelines

Signed

Date

Hadlow Parish Council

24/11/2020

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